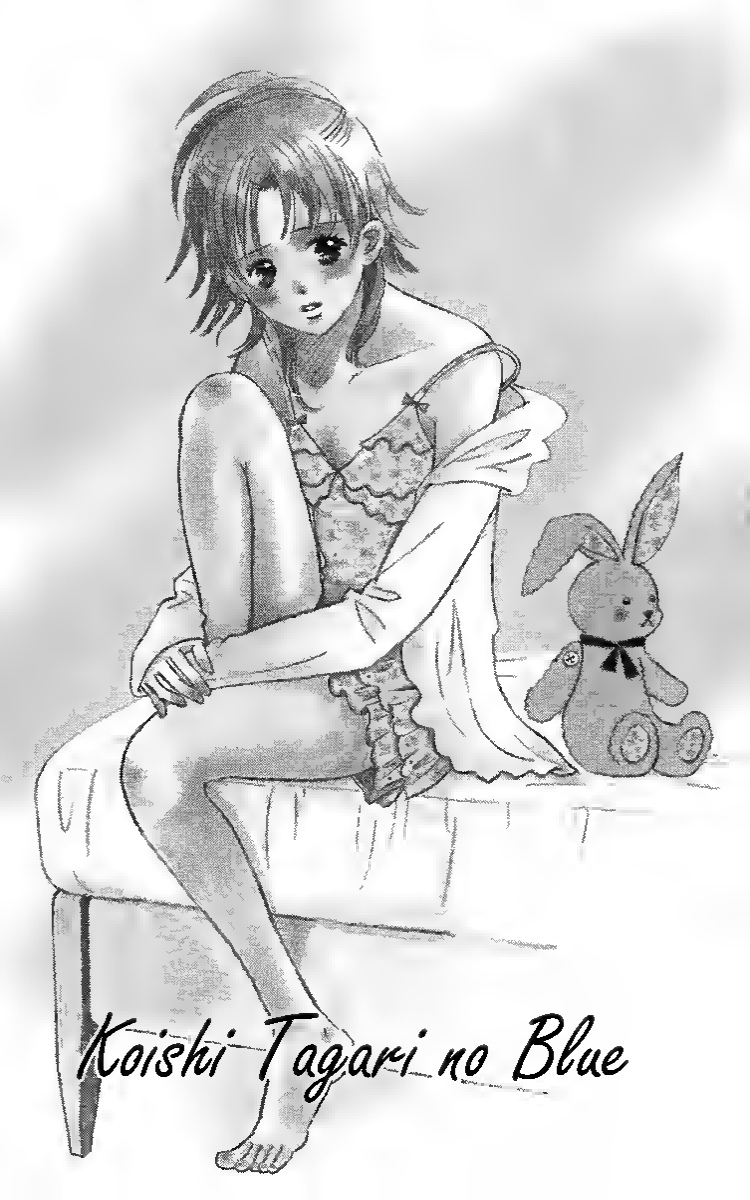
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✳Character Introductions✳

Mizushima Ao

Become Riku's fake girlfriend, but they break up. She still likes Riku.

Hariya Riku

He's liked Kiyono for a long time and just started dating her, but cares about Ao, too.

Soratani Kiyono

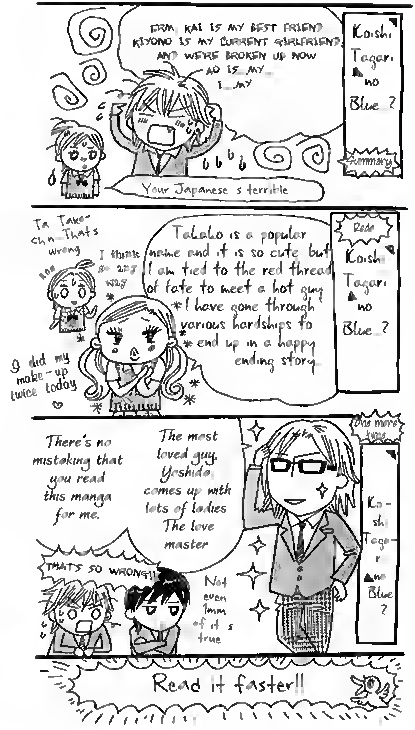
Kai's ex-girlfriend and Ao's friend. A pretty, standoffish girl. Popular with the guys.

Midou Kai

Ao's classmate. Riku's childhood friend. Handsome and smart.

✳STORY✳

At the beginning of the high school ceremony, Ao meets a boy named Riku who asks her to be his "fake girlfriend." Ao takes him up on it. They connect, and an attraction forms between them. However, Ao knows Riku and Kiyono have feelings for one another. Kai was watching over Ao the whole time, so Ao is moved by Kai's kind heart and begins dating him. On the other hand, Ao can't forget her memories of Riku and still thinks it hurts Kiyono. However, she relies on Kiyono being near by. Inside her mind she pictures Riku and herself kissing. Is there a flicker of hope in Riku's heart that Ao should worry about...?!


ERM, KAI IS MY BEST FRIEND
KIYONO IS MY CURRENT GIRLFRIEND
AND WE'RE BROKEN UP NOW
AO IS MY
I MY
Kaishi Tagai no Blue ?
Summary
Your Japanese s terrible
Ta Take-chi That's wrong
I thank you very much
Takako is a popular name and it is so cute but I am tied to the red thread of fate to meet a hot guy *I have gone through various hardships to *end up in a happy ending story
Read
Kaishi Tagai no Blue ?
I did my make-up twice today
There's no mistaking that you read this manga for me.
The most loved guy, Yoshida comes up with lots of ladies The love master
One more page
Kaishi Tagai no Blue ?
THAT'S SO WRONG!!!
Not even 1mm of it s true
Read it faster!!
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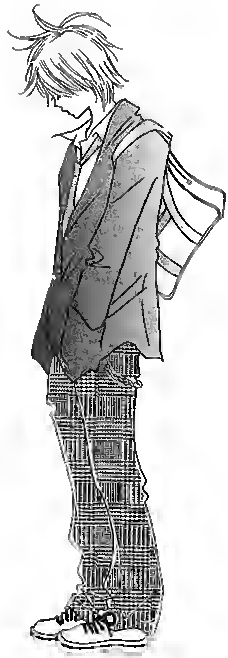


RIKU no TUBUYAKI!?

"I'm sorry, I
whatttt
...was wrong"
thing
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
SORRY
SLIDE
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

DO I GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL ?
CLANG

?
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
DASH
DASH

He's coming
MY HAIR IS A MESS..
AH
Kai-kun's coming
RIIING
Hello, Kai-kun?
AO-CHAN?
Sorry!
I'm in the copy room!
RUSTLE

BADUMP
THUMP
Grow your hair out for me.
BADUMP
What am I doing?
SORRY
WHEN I GET TO 20
I'LL BE DONE
WHAT'S WRONG?

YOUR FACE IS DIRTY
Lick
!
Oh no!
Your shirt is stained.
Ah...
HEALTH SURVEYS...
What...?
EHP!
TAKAKO-SAN
TOOK YOUR PLACE IN THE COMMITTEE
GUYS WORK HARD UNLIKE KIKU...
TAKO-CHIN IS ON A DATE!
AH...!
ALONE...
ALL
I'M DOING THIS

FIFTH PERIOD WAS MY STUDY HALL.
whatttt
whatttt
WAIT
I'M ALMOST DONE
I SEE
I'll HELP
IT'll GO FASTER WITH TWO
My chest hurts

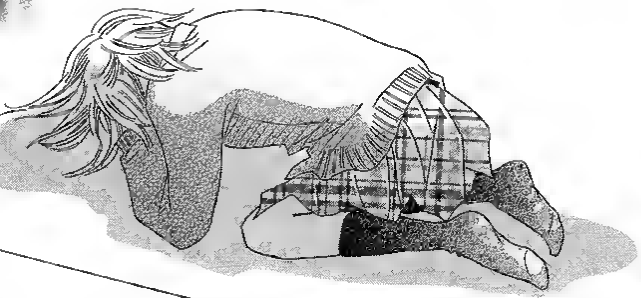
I'm sorry, Kat-kun
SLAM
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
TOSS
MY,
WHAT'S WITH HER?
Why did he kiss me?

Why?
Why?
WHY RIKU?
IDIOT
Riku
told me to hurry up and leave
...NO
"You're right to hate me"
I want to support Kun chan
Please wait...

I want to see him.
I want to see him.
When we were dating
Riku was like a dumb kid.
Hey,
show me your tooth.
I'm lonely

Riku,
I'm sorry.

I'm sorry I cried then.



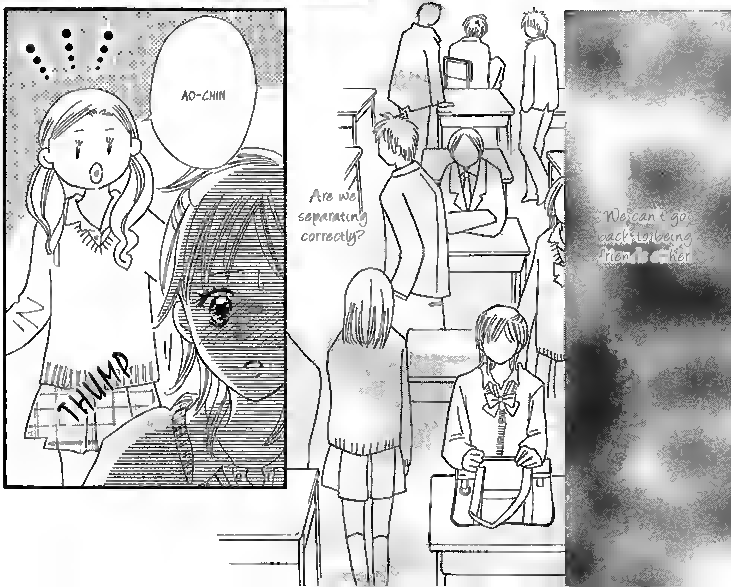
The Riku stick figure in the book

came to pick me up

Ao!
I lost the chance
to say that, forever
I'm the
idiot

The bus to ag is su er crowde
I'll remem- er
When I try talking to him
I just quietly turns the other way
Kai-kun is always
What will I tell Kai-kun
on the bus in the morning?
2-4
MURMUR
MURMUR
Momina
seems so little and
far-away in that seat
Riku
MURMUR

He has apologized many times
I'm sorry
Aki would say
"I'm sorry Ao"
"Sorry"
He seems depressed from my view of the back of his head


AO-CHIN
THUMP
Are we separating correctly?
We can't go back to being friends either

I HAD HOPES FOR SOMEONE FROM T HIGH SCHOOL
HE WAS FULL OF HIMSELF
THAT'S UNFORTUNATE
HE WAS SO RUDE!
HOW WAS THE GROUP DATE?
SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY
ABOUT THAT
I WONDER IF THEY CAN SEE DOWN TO TRUE BEAUTY
BUT GUYS LIKE THAT,
WITH TRUE love!
DON'T LINK SCHOOL NAMES
Tra-thanks
AO-CHAN.
UNEXPECTEDLY NEAR A BLUEBIRD

Kai-kun!
SHOVE
Ahhh, True beauty!
?
TAKO-CHIN WENT ON ANOTHER GROUP DATE
YOU WERE REALLY CUTE HUH?!
THAT'S RIGHT
I CURLED MY HAIR TOO
THAT'S NICE
RIGHT NOW
AO IS GROWING OUT HER HAIR FOR ME
THUMP

THUMP
THUMP
Everyone is.
THUMP
RIGHT,
AO?
HE CALLS HER AO!
AHHH!
staring at us
HE'S TOUCHING HER HAIR!
KYAH
KYAH
WHAT'S WITH GIRLS?
SHRILL SHRIEKS
SHUT UP
What did he just do?!
AH!
BUT DON'T
I HAVE A LOT OF SPLIT ENDS?
UHM
It's FRIZZY, TOO
A WHORL OF IT
Calm down
HEY

HUH?
WHERE'S THE BRACELET I GOT YOU?
WHAT'S WITH THAT GUY?!
HE'S IN OUR CLASS!
HE'S HOLDING A GIRL'S HAND
AND ALL THE GIRLS ARE SCREAMING
CLATTER
MUST BE NICE. I CAN'T FORGIVE YOU, ACHOO!
GYAU GYAU
GYAAAH
YOSHIDA!
KIKU'S GOING TO MCDONALD'S FOR FIRST PERIOD!

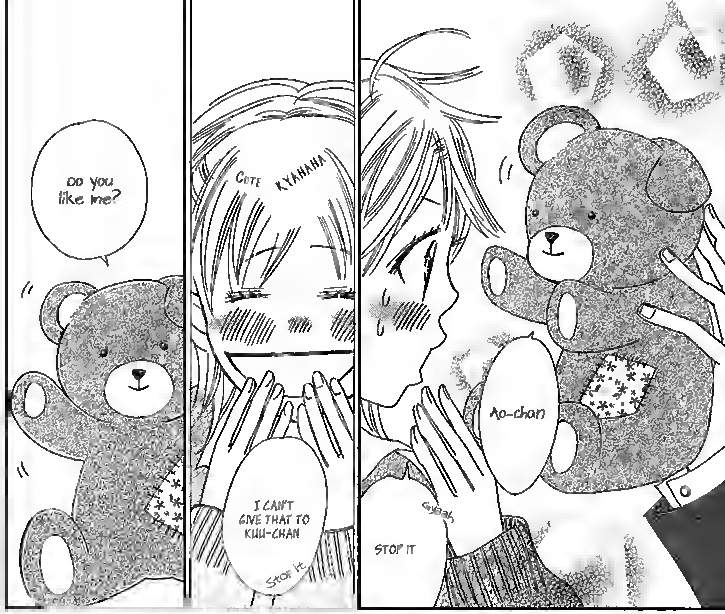
Riku left
I'm relieved
I can't laugh with Riku around
AHAHA
It wasn't about that kiss
!!!

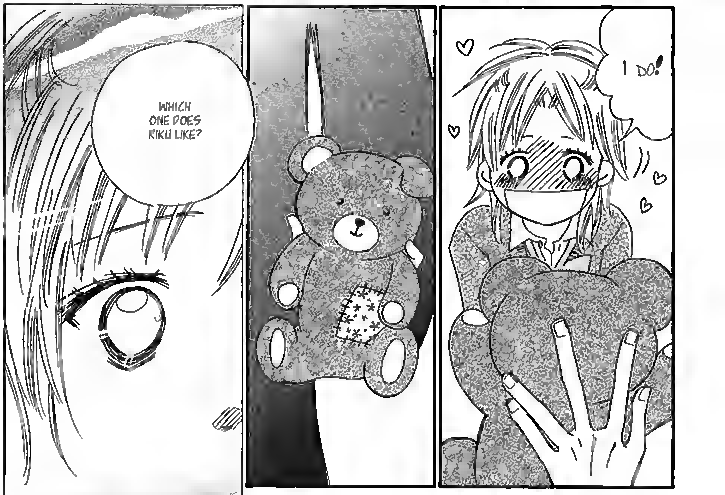
KAI
KIYONO
IT'S ALMOST YOUR BIRTHDAY
AFTER SCHOOL TODAY
WITH AO
WELL
THIS WAS A SECRET
.....
.....
HOW HAS
RIKU BEEN
SINCE THEN?

HOW IS HE?
HE HASN'T CHANGED
HE'S NICE
HE PICKS ME UP IN THE MORNINGS,
AND HE BRINGS ME HOME
LIKE USUAL
I SEE
THAT'S GOOD
HE DOESN'T
SMILE AT ME AT ALL.
I'M WORRIED...
BEFORE,
NO MATTER HOW AWKWARD THE SITUATION
HE WAS ALWAYS SMILING
Kat!
I jumped the gun
when I stole
Kyoko

THIS STORE
IT MIGHT BE EMBARKASSING FOR YOU
IT'S FINE
But we haven't decided on a gift for Kyu-chan!
NOTHING
SEE YOU
KAI?
She's been my friend since last spring, and I don't know her birthday!
I got a super cute necklace!
Two years of celebration.
I won't let it slip away!
Sa...
WHICH DO YOU THINK IS CUTER?
I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE

You think so, too?!
BAMBG
THIS ONE
aha ha
BUT
I THOUGHT THAT WORRIED YOU
EH?!
THAT SO?
YOU SURE ARE SMART
YOU CAN
@_@
READ ANY EMOTION ON A PERSON


do you like me?
CUTE KYAHAHA
I CAN'T GIVE THAT TO KUU-CHAN
SHOK
Ao-chan
STOP IT


WHICH ONE DOES KIKU LIKE?
I DO!

EH...?!
SORRY I SAID SOMETHING ODD
KIDDING...
I M...
KAI-KUN
EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE THIS ONE
FOR A PRESENT

I LIKE YOU
IN SEPARATE CLASSES
SORRY I'M EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE
sigh
I LIKE
YOU...
for some reason I'm helpless
When I say it
with anxiety
I made a Kuroki-kun smile.

POP
POP
POP
I'll hold
Kai-kun's
hand
with all my
might
IDIOT!
YOU'RE
SHOOTING
AT ME!
SWING IT!
SPIT

AHAHA
FUNNY
IT'S AWFUL ISN'T IT?
Hey!
For a birthday party
WE HAVE CAKE, TOO
THIS IS A FIRST FOR ME...
KIYONO,
LOWER YOUR HEAD
PLOP

HINA
YOU CAN DO IT
SAY IT
shy
shy
IT SUITS YOU.
Kiyomu-tan.
Happy birthday,
HINA-CHAN
Ao-tan?
YOU REMEMBERED
MY NAME...

SEE
Congrats, Kiyono-tan.
Kiyono-tan.
SHE'S BEEN PRACTICING
YOU'RE NOW KIYONO-TAN
THANK YOU
I GOT ONE LAST YEAR TOO
BY THE WAY FOR THE LAST BLANK
YOU WRITE WHAT YOU WANT IN IT
Massage
Massage
Massage
Massage
IT'S FOR A MASSAGE
IT'S CUTE
WHAT'S THIS?
SHE LEARNED IT IN KINDERGARTEN

OH NO
YOU'RE TATSUYOSHI'S FIRST LOVE
KIYONO
WHEN DID YOU BUY FLOWERS ?
.....
CA — SH
MAYBE IT'S EASY TO DO WITH ME.
Here's some cake
EH?
IT'S NOTHING

I'LL GO ALONE
IT'S OKAY, RIKU
IT'S OKAY
WAIT I'LL TAKE YOU HOME
RIKU...
THANKS FOR TODAY
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
EH?!

CHRISTMAS
THANK YOU FOR STAYING BY ME
MY BIRTHDAY
YO
I ENJOYED IT
AND FOR MAKING MY FATHER ANGRY
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
IT'S
ENOUGH

KIYONO
IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT
I'M THE OLDEST OF THE FOUR OF US
I'M 17 NOW
YOU SAID MY HAIRSTYLE WAS CUTE
Rustle
IT DOESN'T SUIT ME

GOOD-BYE
GOOD-BYE.

CRASH
WAIT!
KIYONO!
HOLD-
SLIP
GO BACK TO SCHOOL
THE RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR MOM
I'LL ENDURE IT
WAIT!
YOU TO ALWAYS SMILE
I CAN'T SAY IT
KIKU
ARE YOU OKAY?
I GAVE IT TO YOU
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
.....

I'LL BRING KUU-CHAN TO THE STAIRS AT LUNCH
WE'LL GIVE IT TO HER THEN
AWAI
I GOT IT
MORNING, AO-CHAN!
YOU'RE DOING WELL THIS MORNING
SHARING AN UMBRELLA
SLANT
JUMP IN I SEE...
NO
THIS IS
I left my umbrella on the bus.
So
my beloved Riku
I let go of your hand.

They grew there from the clean up before.
AH
OH
THEY BLOOMED HERE
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH
NOTHING
2-4
MURMUR
MURMUR
The flowers will grow here!
Poor things...
I wonder if the flowers are okay
It's raining something awful

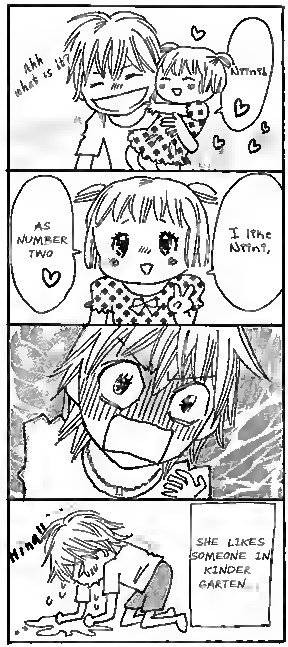
Don't look
Don't look
Hahaha
YOU'RE AN IDIOT RIKU
Didn't you watch the weather?
Don't think of him
DRIP
That's right
It's almost break time.
We should transfer the flowerbed.
ACHOOO
EMILY CAN I BORROW YOUR UMBRELLA ?
Don't think of him
zaaah
So...
"Sorry I made a mistake."
there won't be a mistake.
Then
Did you see the drama yesterday?
Yeah, yeah.
Kyahaha

a blue umbrella
is covering them on the ground
Whose is it?
I don't know whose it is
zaaah
sniff

It's the first of the month, but happy ♡birthday ♡Kou-chan!
AO,
KAI HAD A TEACHER CALL ME TO COME HERE
IT'S CUTE
UM
I HOPE IT DOESN'T CLASH WITH YOUR PRETTY ROOM
WHEN
YOU CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT...
IT'LL MAKE YOU SMILE WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT
I AM IN THE DAYTIME

AO
HM?
THEN
WILL YOU LISTEN TO ME?
I
BROKE UP WITH RIKU

EHH?!
IT'S...
REALLY OVER
WHY?
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN RIKU'S HEART
Zdaaa


Ahhh what is it?
Natsuki
AS NUMBER TWO
I like Natsuki
SHE LIKES SOMEONE IN KINDER GARTEN

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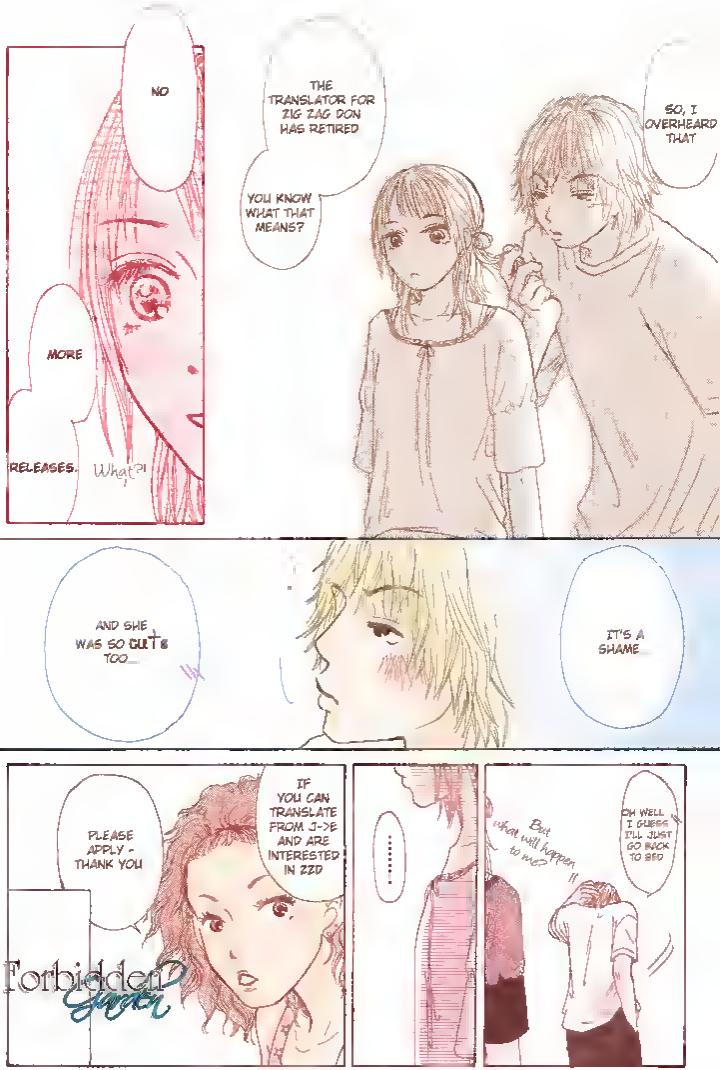
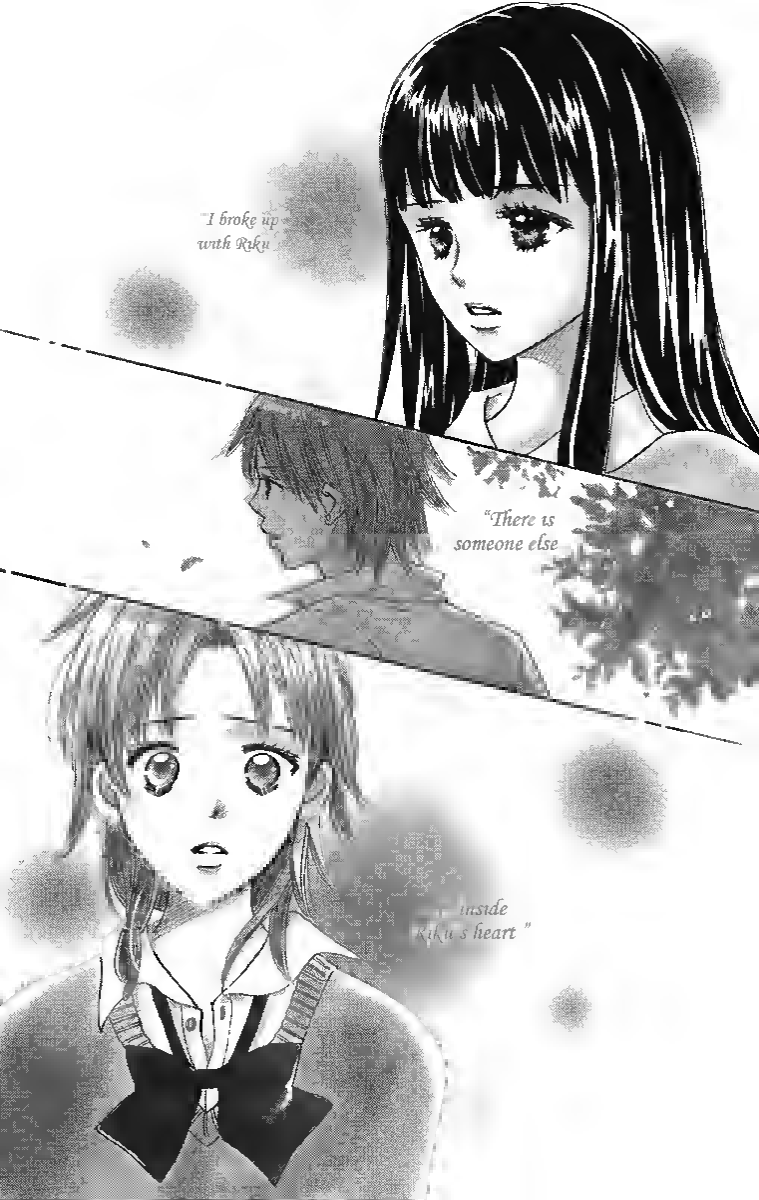

NO
MORE
RELEASES.
What?!
THE TRANSLATOR FOR ZIG ZAG DON HAS RETIRED
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
SO, I OVERHEARD THAT
AND SHE WAS SO CUTE TOO...
IT'S A SHAME...
PLEASE APPLY - THANK YOU
IF YOU CAN TRANSLATE FROM J->E AND ARE INTERESTED IN ZZD
Forbidden Garden
.....
But what will happen to me?
OH WELL I GUESS I'LL JUST GO BACK TO BED


"I broke up with Riku"
"There is someone else"
"inside Riku's heart"

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KOISHI TAGARI NO BLUE

KIKU...
THINKS OF YOU ALL THE TIME

I'm not thought of at all...
I haven't had much of a turn
Love Blue 6
a secret sliver of memory about me...
There should be some girl with
Yoshida is the type to hold grudges
Sixteen frames...?

AO no TUBUYAKI

EH...?!
Kai-kun
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
IT'S KIYONO'S BIRTHDAY
Meeting her on the stairs
Tell her I said congratul
Hehe
Kai kun's voice!
Just now
he heard our
conversation.

He's smiling
as if he heard nothing
HAPPY BIRTHDAY KIYONO
But he definitely heard it.
AH
THAT BEAR
AO-CHAN'S
Right?
LITTLE BROTHER HAS ONE AT HOME
I'M SORRY
KAI
FOR WHAT?
THE WEATHER'S NICE
AO-CHAN
WANT TO SKIP OUR NEXT CLASS?

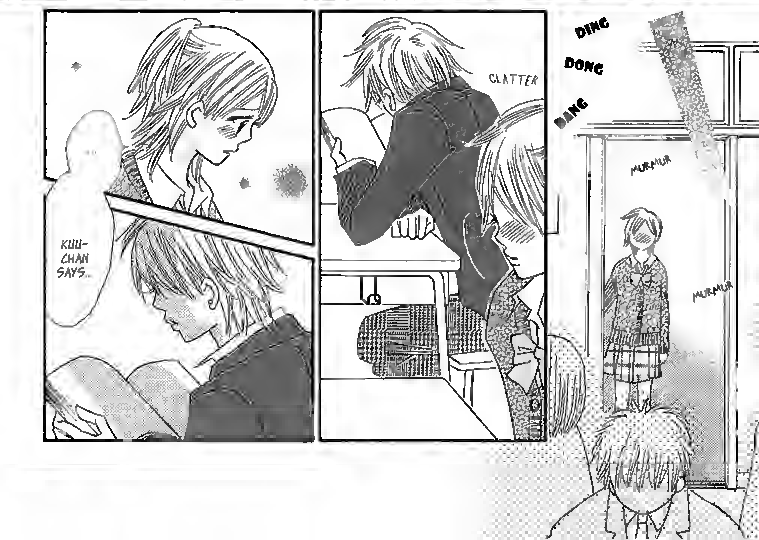
AH
UMM...
KAI-KUN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT
I...
KNEW KIKU LIKED YOU
EH...?!
I...
KNEW ABOUT IT

I NEVER SAID ANYTHING
I WANTED
YOU TO LOOK AT ME
I THOUGHT YOU'D THINK BETTER OF ME

I WANTED
YOU TO SAY YOU LIKED ME
IF YOU HEAR RIKU'S FEELINGS
WILL IT CHANGE YOUR ANSWER?
KA
IT'S FINE
I FORGIVE YOU IN THIS AREA
IT'S LIKE I'M QUESTIONING YOU

I'M THINKING OF HOW MUCH YOU CRIED.
IT'S HIS FAULT
SO
DO AS YOU WISH
WITH RIKU
FOR NOW
KIYONO, TOO
I'M FINE WITH IT
Riku thinks about me?
I don't believe it
My mind
isn't working

Has he mistaken something again?
I m
sorry
Since that rumor...
he won't even look at me
He's always apologizing
I'm sorry
Sorry


KUU-CHAN SAYS...
CLATTER
DING
DONG
BANG
MURMUR
MURMUR

BUT...
SHE WON'T... TELL ME MORE.
YES...
I DON'T BELIEVE IT EITHER.
.....
SHE TOLD YOU?
YOU GUYS BROKE UP IS IT TRUE?
FLINCH
But
Pure Pika and Kuu-chan
were always
IF...
SO
I'M AN IDIOT
I JUST WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH
THERE'S NOTHING
IT'S THE SAME WITH YOU.
IF THERE'S A MISUNDER-STANDING
BE-TWEEN YOU TWO
THERE ISN'T.

AO-CHIN!
THAT'S
did Kai-kun tell you?
We're going on a two day group trip
YOU...
SEE ONLY KAI.
blush

When did I hope
would come out of his mouth?
I SEE
YOU...
I thought
the redness would leave my face.
What did he confirm?
over
at me
once.
I'm so embarrassed
"If you hear his feelings
will it change your answer?
I should have

answered
Kai-kun
with "I won't
change
Two days at Arashiyama with Kai-kun will be fun!
Yeah
I listened to Yoshida-kun's deep lecture.
This is good
Of course
Couple ratings are unusually high for field trips.
It changes circum-stances
They say emotions rise easily

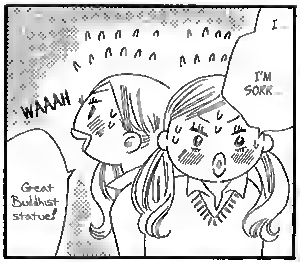
MAN!
YOU'RE SO LUCKY TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND!
WELL
I
GO TO THE CLASS ONE CAR AND GET SOME FROM SORATANI-SAN!
Please
HEY GIVE ME SOME CANDY, I FORGOT MINE
Field trips are fun
Don't think about him
THAT'S RIGHT
KAI KUN WILL TEXT ME
I musn't think about him

AH!
KUU-CHAN!
HEH
BOING
I WANT TO TAKE PICTURES WITH AO
KAI AND RIKU TOO
THE FOUR OF US...
I'M GLAD YOU SAID THAT
I SAW SOMETHING FUNNY

RIKU AND I AREN'T GETTING ALONG RIGHT NOW
BUT WE CAN'T
DOES ROLL CALL
THE COMMITTEE
WHAT'S THIS FLAG FOR?
...
4
MORON!
HERE.
4
SHOVE
YOU HOLD IT!
DO THE ROLL CALL, TOO!
WHAT?
PEOPLE
LIKE YOU TICK ME OFF

I can't forgive you for dumping Ao-chin for Soratani-san!
HUH?
ME NEITHER
I HAVEN'T FORGIVEN MYSELF EITHER
I CAN'T FORGIVE MYSELF

Hey, Harry
YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON
TO AO...
I'M COMING
AH
TAKO-CHIN
HEY, COME SEE THIS STRANGE THING...
I TALKED
WITH HAKIYA JUST NOW
COULD HE STILL HAVE FEELINGS FOR
AO-CHIN...?
EH?
STOP.



I answered him already

I want to

forget about Riku

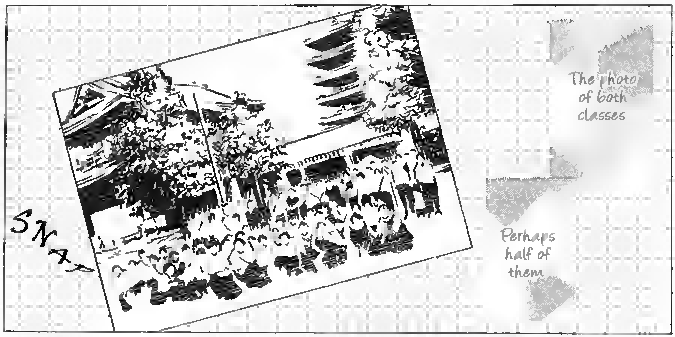
Let's go to the shop ♫
Do we invite Serata-san?
I want ice cream
Ah, maybe
ISN'T SHE WITH HER BOYFRIEND?
Kuu-chan ♡
I wanted to say this
He he
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
ning o'clock roll call ♡
Let's pillow talk until
DO YOU NEED TO HAVE A PILLOW?

AH_!
Love sto-
Ghost story?
The normal stuff
Ahh
There once was an old abandoned hospital
RIKU HUH?
HE WAS NICE
HE WAS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU SAID
HE WASN'T PERVERTED AT ALL

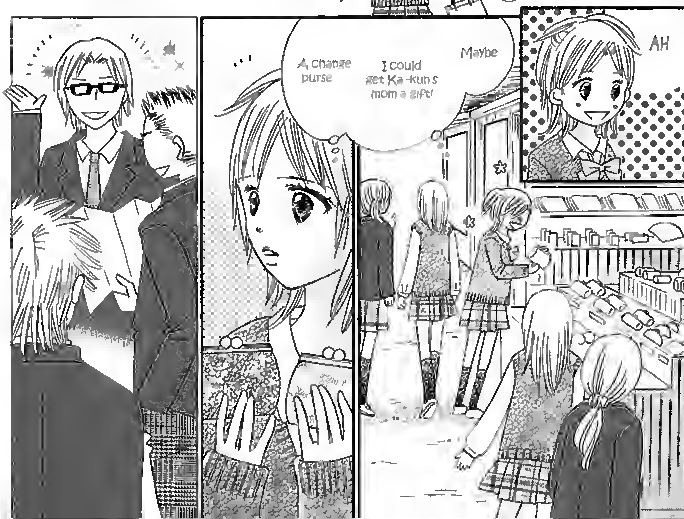
WE KISSED ONLY ONCE
HE HAD COME DOWN WITH A FEVER
KUU-CHAN ?
WE STARTED SOME RANDOM RUMORS
WHEN HE STAYED OVER FOR CHRISTMAS
HE MISTOOK ME FOR YOU...
"Don t go, Ao "
HE KEPT THE HAT
YOU GAVE HIM NEAR HIS BED
I KEPT SILENT AND PUT IT IN YOUR SHOEBOX
IT HURT

I thought
of asking her if she'd cried alone.
PLOP
I'M REALLY A HORRIBLE GIRL
YOUR NOSE IS RUNNING
AM GLAD I FOLLOWED RIKU TO THIS SCHOOL
BUT I...

I NEVER GOT A LOVE
BUT I DID GET A FRIEND
A FRIEND
WHO CRIES FOR ME
I cry too much


The photo of both classes
Perhaps half of them
SNAP

You don't have a boyfriend.
Good, I can fix my make-up
What time are we meeting up with the guys?
Two o'clock


A chapstick purse
I could get Ka-kun's mom a gift!
Maybe
AH

THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF YOU?
HUH
Riku went to be by himself...
I think he said he wanted to walk with his girlfriend to a nice place
He said he wasn't going to be back till tonight.
I kicked him for it!
I SEE
MURMUR
AO-CHIN
Takako-sensei
WANT TO GET SOME TEA?
AH...
I'M GOING TO BUY A GIFT AT THE STORE FROM EARLIER
MURMUR

MURMUR
MURMUR
Look, look.
Kyoko
I'M GOOD
SO
CATCH UP WITH YOSHIDA-KUN...
IDIOT!
ON A DATE WITH THE AIR
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I'M ALWAYS CAUSING MISUNDER-STANDINGS
WHEN I TALK TO YOU,
I HURT KIYONO
I'M...
KIND OF
DEPRESSED WITH MY-SELF...
I CAUSED YOU A LOT OF PAIN TOO...
Com-pletely

Asking me to be your fake girlfriend
Kissing me
YOU'RE SO STUPID
Leaving me behind
Making me cry a lot
I'M SORRY
It's like it was then

Last spring
WHY AM I LIKE THIS ?
Riku blamed himself then too
I HAVE NO ONE TO LOVE ANYMORE...
Riku looked like he would cry then too
YOU
WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT HAPPY
YOU'RE NOT BAD

YOU'RE NOT BAD
You're not sad.
I don't know why

From the first time I met him
I thought of Riku's viewpoint
No matter what kind of person you are
Only I
thought I wouldn't cry alone
with Riku

Nice to meet you.
YOUR GIRL-FRIEND?
YOU, TOO...
Everyone was in a good mood that day.
SORRY, KAI-KUN
IT'S OKAY NO RUSH
You're late Ao-chin
Over here.
Even Kai-kun smiled kindly as always.
We went to a shrine.
Look ahahaha
Ao, you should buy this
kyahaha
I bought a pair of good luck charms
Yet...
EHH? Make Kai-kun get one too!! AAAA
ahaha
Poor guy

Why is my heart beating so fast?
Huh?
Riku!
Don't run away.
Just got them today!
It's Lothian takoyaki.
One of them has really hot mustard.
It must be nice to have a girl to convey your feelings to
Interesting
Yahaha
The teacher made me turn around at the girl's hotel
That's rough.
Ehh?!
Did you confess to a girl?
Ha ha ha
How'd you fair today?

STOMP SLIDE
STOMP SLAM
Riku?!
Did he get it?
Achi
Hiroyama looks like he's in pain
DASH
Eh?!
Mou...
Aa-chin, look,
Dadah

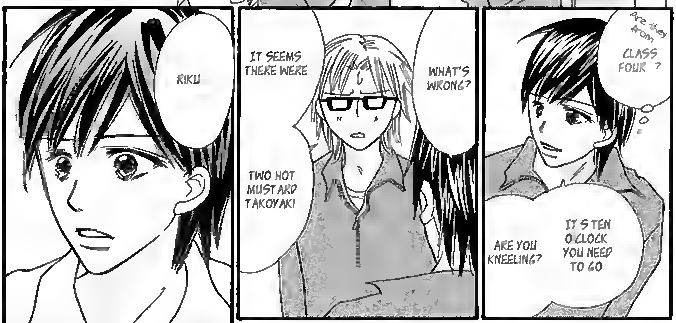
Yes?!
Hide the junk food, guys!
The door won't lock!!
KNOCK
KNOCK
Oh no!
Teacher on patrol!
Sexy!!
Ack!
Even you wouldn't have one of these.
Why do you have them?
Kyahaha ahaha
CHRYSANTHEMUM
2-4 B
YAMAMOTO TANAKA
MIZUSHIMA ITOU
KAWEDA OOWO
Eh...?!
Eh?
I NEED TO TALK
I'LL CALL A TEACHER!
Why is it you?!
A boy's voice?
CREAK
SLAM

rustle
Turn the lights on!!
HURRY!
splish splish
wash
STOMP
STOMP
why?
This smell
It smells good like Riku's cologne
Ao

THAT TIME...
I TOOK YOU TO KYONO'S HOUSE...
THAT DAY...
I MADE A MISTAKE BY LETTING YOU GO
IT WAS A HUGE MISTAKE...

Inside Riku's Arms
THAT TIME
I SHOULD HAVE SAID I WAS FOLLOWING YOU

TREMBLE
TREMBLE


RIKU
IT SEEMS THERE WERE TWO HOT MUSTARD TAKOYAKI
WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU KNEELING?
ARE YOU OKAY? CLASS FOUR ?
IT'S TEN O'CLOCK YOU NEED TO GO

IF YOU'RE HAPPY WITH KAI,
JUST TELL ME NOW
AFTER THAT I'LL FORGET ABOUT YOU
I STILL LIKE...
CLICK

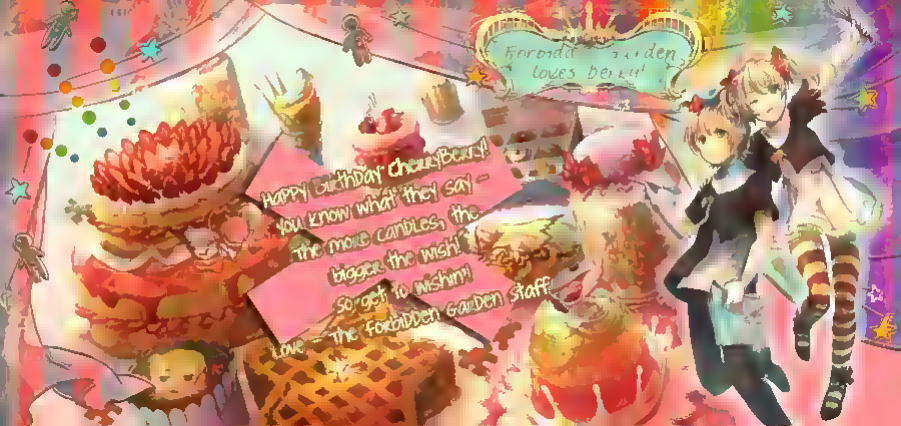
RIKU
KAI-KUN?!
WAH!
EH?!
NO WAY!
If you're happy with Kai "
Stop it...
What are you doing
HUH?!
What's going on in here?!
KYAAH
KYAAH
What do you think you're doing?!
SLAM!
TANT
WAAH!

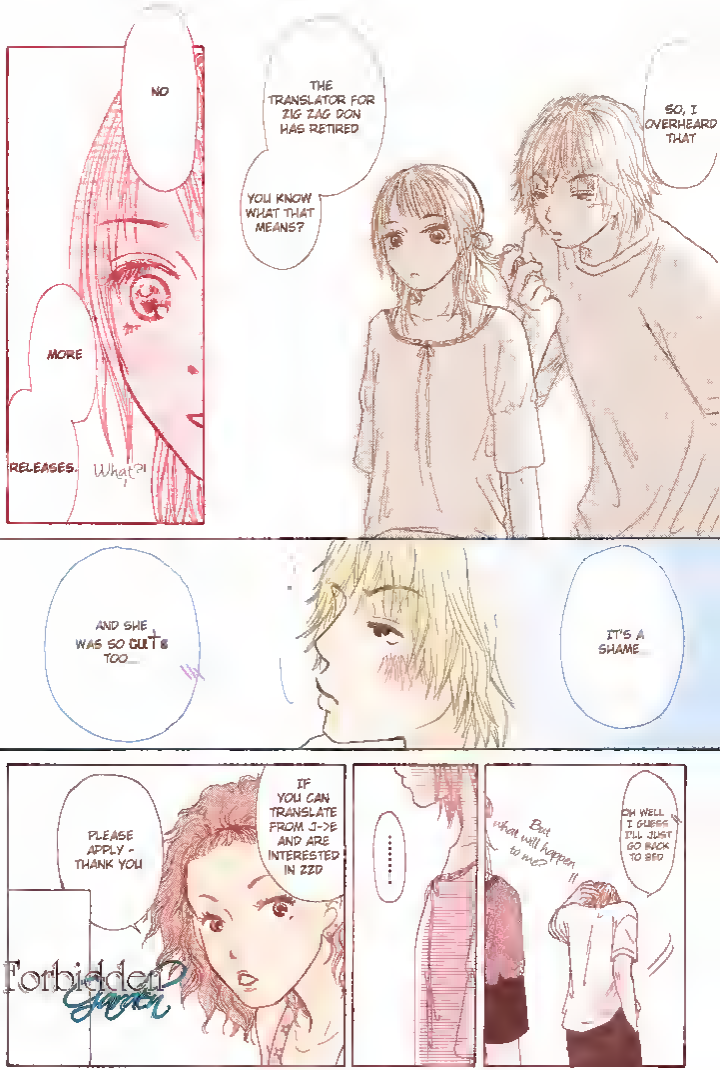
"I'll forget about you"
STOP IT!
They still didn't listen to me
KAI-KUN ARE YOU OKAY?
RIKU'S STILL IN THERE

I...
HAVE FAITH
KIKU'S DIFFERENT...
.....
HE MIGHT BE THERE TILL MORNING
I THOUGHT
THE TEACHERS WOULD HAVE US ARRESTED
EH?!
I DON'T HAVE SUCH FAITH
ABOUT ME
OR EVEN YOU...
EH?

KAI-KUN.

Ao & Kuu
paper doll
Cut
out
and
enjoy
BLUE
KOI
BLUE


Forbidden Garden loves berry!
Happy BirthDay CheeryBerry!
You know what they say -
the more candles, the
bigger the wish!
So get to wishin'!
Love - the ForbiDDen GarDen Staff


NO
MORE
RELEASES.
What?!
THE TRANSLATOR FOR ZIG ZAG DON HAS RETIRED
YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?
SO, I OVERHEARD THAT
AND SHE WAS SO CUTE TOO...
IT'S A SHAME...
PLEASE APPLY - THANK YOU
IF YOU CAN TRANSLATE FROM J->E AND ARE INTERESTED IN ZZD
Forbidden Garden
.....
But what will happen to me?
OH WELL I GUESS I'LL JUST GO BACK TO BED

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RIKU no TUBUYAKI

KA...
KAI-KUN
ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME?
I'M SOR
DON'T APOLOGIZE
I'M NOT AFRAID AT ALL
But...
I'M SORRY, KAI-KUN

When we're together I don't feel so lonely
There's no one as kind as he is
When Riku wasn't there
I felt empty
he was there when
But
I know he's kind
However...
I'M SORRY
Because...

I CAN'T
GO OUT
WITH YOU
ANYMORE...
THEN
ARE WE
BREAKING UP?
I...
DON'T KNOW
WHAT RIKU
SAID TO YOU
BUT
NO!
I NEVER
HEARD RIKU'S
WORDS
I NEVER
HEARD
THEM...
Riku
to

come see me
In the darkness
Out of breath
Not to apologize
Not to inform me they'd broken up
"I still "
"Ao,"
I WANTED
HIM TO CONTINUE
I THOUGHT I...
WANTED TO HEAR IT...
MY FEELINGS FOR KIKU
HAVEN'T GONE AWAY AT ALL...!

THEN
SO
NO
CAN YOU SAY YOU'D EASILY REMEMBER ME?
I
DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE
HAPPY WITH RIKU
KAI-KUN--
DON'T SAY IT...!
It's warm where he
held my arm.

Where did I go wrong?
I thought
I always wanted Riku to smile.
I had
I wished
for everyone to be happy.
dream-like dates with Kai-kun
I thought I wanted Kuu-chan's feelings to reach Riku.
Then why
is everyone crying?

DID YOU HEAR?
HARIYA OF CLASS H
HAS A DAY OF DETENTION TODAY AT THE HOTEL.
And yet...
twist twist
twist twist
HE SNUCK INTO HIS EX-GIRLFRIEND'S ROOM LAST NIGHT
Eh!?!
WHAT A CHEATING JERK
I can't do anything
about my feelings
It hurts
Our field trip
is over

Don't say that!
Hey!
Yotsuhashi would have been nice.
TASTE
NEE-CHAN HAS A DIFFERENT
YOU'RE LATE, AO
BREAKFAST IS ALL READY
ALRIGHT. LUCKY!
DOES YOUR HEAD HURT?
NOT HUNGRY
Milk is fine.
I'M OFF.
ARE YOU OKAY?
What do I say
to Kai-kun
on the morning bus ride?

Don't say it
No
THUMP
THUMP
"Thank you for everything"
VROOOM
"I can't easily remember you."
"You're an important person to me."
Both are too simple to say
Please watch your step up
SHHHHH
He's not here.

I won t
kiss or
have sex
with you.
I do want to
be your fake
girlfriend.
FUF
HAHA
.....

DAMN IT..!
TOSS
HUH?
AH..
OKAY
WHAT'S WITH YOU SECOND YEAR?!
Green necktie
IS THAT A NICE GREETING?!
DROP
HARIYA?
YOU'RE THE RUMORED GUY WHO CHEATED ON SOKATANI-SAN WITH ANOTHER GIRL
THE BASTARD WHO SNUCK INTO HER ROOM ON THE FIELD TRIP

AND YOU DARE GET ON HERE!
...THAT'S RIGHT
YOU GONNA HIT ME?
AH
ARG-HH
ISN'T THREE AGAINST ONE COWARDLY?
KAI
WHAT'S THAT...
YOU?

I LOST A TOOTH AGAIN
IT'S JUST ONE BUTTON
I'M NOT OKAY
THEY TOOK OFF ONE OF MY BUTTONS
ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU'RE DUMB
TO COME AND HELP ME
DID YOU COME TO KICK ME DOWN..?

When we had problems,
he'd call me his friend.
YEAH
THAT'S IT
I'M SORRY
KAI
WHEN I WENT
TO SEE AO ON THE FIELD TRIP
I JUST

I...
WANTED AO BACK
EVEN IF I ONLY HAD
A 1/100 OR EVEN A 1/1000 CHANCE OF IT...
NO
THAT'S WRONG...
JUST
WANTED TO TELL HER MY FEELINGS
THAT'S ALL...
I WAS WRONG TO
BETRAY YOU LIKE THAT.
SO I WENT TO SEE HER
I THINK...

I DON'T WANT YOU TELLING MY GIRLFRIEND YOUR FEELINGS
THEN
I'LL BE HONEST WITH YOU, TOO
AW
YOU'RE AN HONEST GUY
I ASK YOU
AS A FRIEND

I should go talk to him.
I wonder if he's avoiding me
But
2-4
buses
Kan-kun
deliberately changed
WAH!
AO-CHIN, YOU LOOK AWFUL
NO FOUN-DATION?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
YOU'RE LATE, KIKU
side
WHAT HAPPENED?
DID YOU GET INTO
NO
CLATTER
EH?

YOSHIDA!
Riku
MADE UP
WITH KAI
KAI...
DIDN'T DO IT.
I ALREADY
His seat next to me is always empty.
skips classes
My headache
is getting
even stronger.
I didn't
think I'd get to hear him finish.
I still

KAI-KUN
I'M SORRY FOR THIS MORNING
I WAS BUSY
Ah
Good, he's here
PING
DONG
DANG
CLATTER
AO-CHAN?!

OKAY, COMING..
DING DONG
STEP
STEP
AO-SAN DOESN'T FEEL WELL.
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT LETTING HER GO HOME ALONE
OH MY
OH MY
WELL
Mom's voice is drifting up from the first floor
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA?
THIS IS WONDERFUL..
SHE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING
IS IT?!
HO HO HO

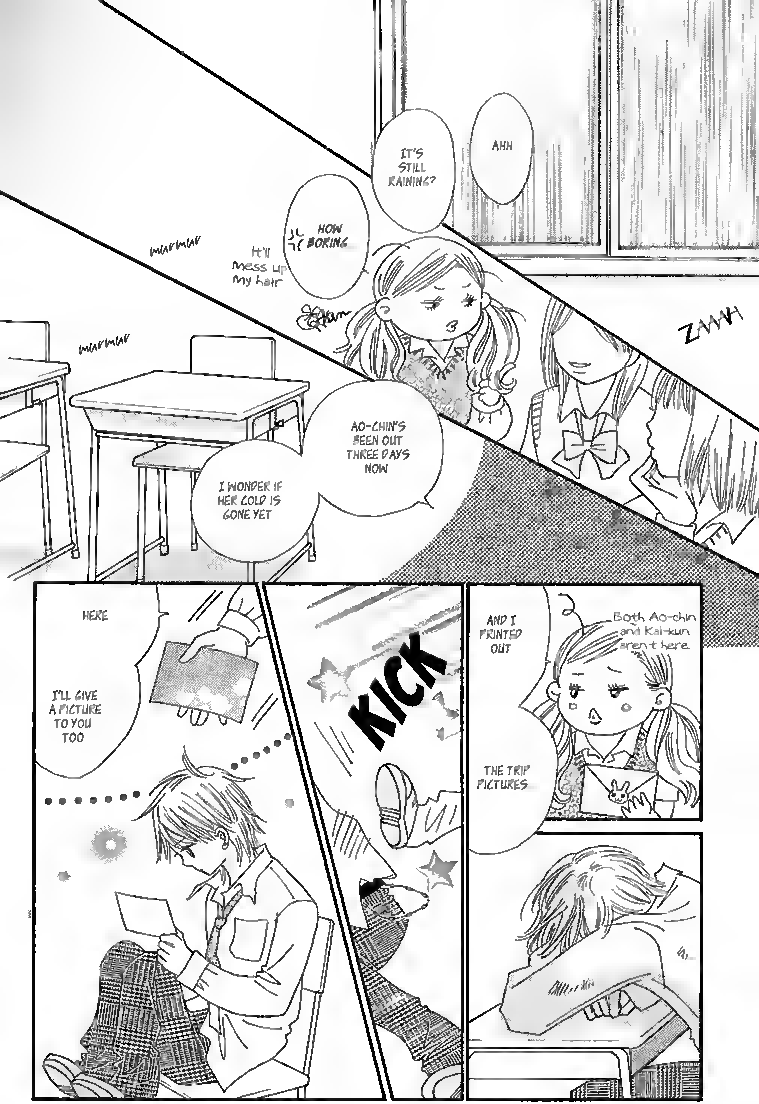
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
CAN I COME IN?
UM
I'LL CHECK ON HER BEFORE I GO
NO
she's in the second floor
blush
IT'S OKAY
I made you skip your afternoon classes
sorry
I'm an idiot
Been that way forever
Fuf
I'M SMART

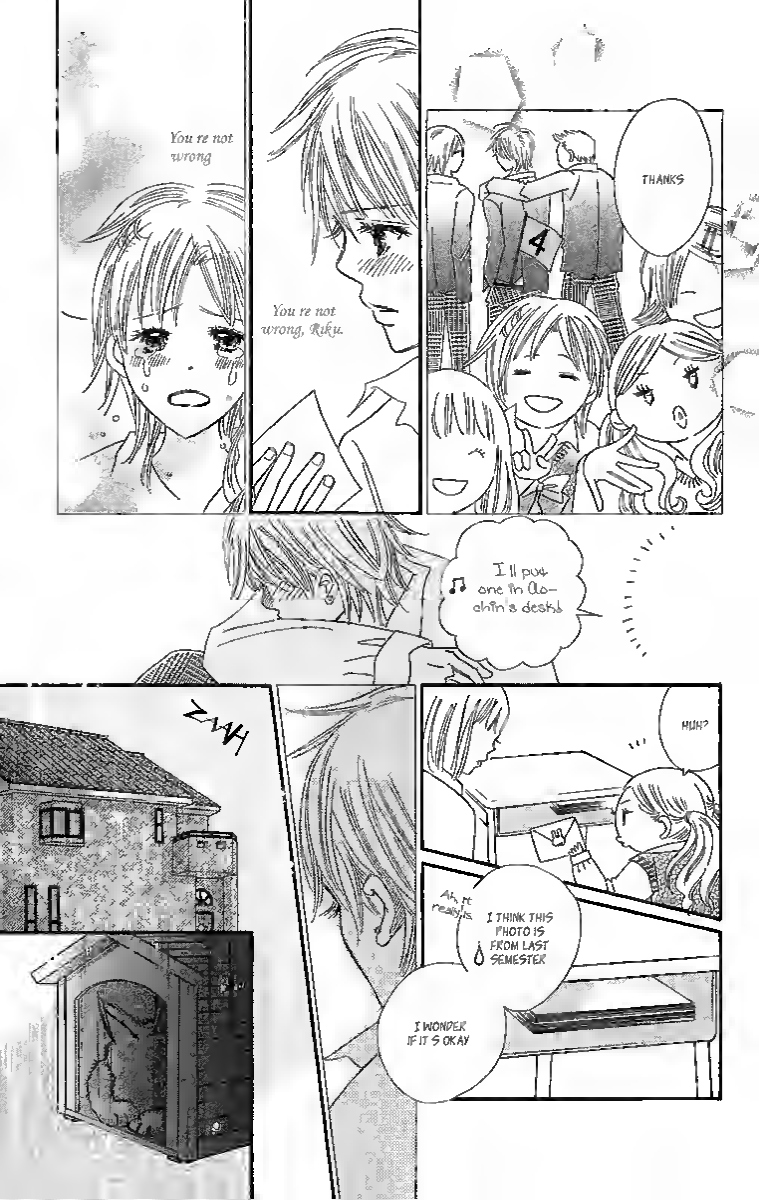
IMPORTANT TIME??
I thought
The Keyo entrance exam is too...
It's an important time for the fever to go down
I should apologize to you
"I'm okay with a temporary boyfriend"
YOU'RE SO KIND
AND I ACT LIKE A BRAT TO YOU...

I was wrong
I said I can't forget Riku, but...
in truth somewhere...
I know... this
I TOLD YOU I'M FINE WITH THAT
DON'T SAY YOU WERE WRONG !!
No.
I know
I was wrong...
this is
hurting Kai-kun
But if...

I could do it over again.
maybe I'd do it right...
It made me
so happy to hear you say you liked
my stubby legs
Thank you...
"I'm waiting for the day"
"those legs come running to me"
I'm sorry

I'm sorry
I can't run to you


AHH
IT'S STILL RAINING?
HOW BORING
It'll mess up my hair
MARMAR
MARMAR
ZMMH
AO-CHIN'S BEEN OUT THREE DAYS NOW
I WONDER IF HER COLD IS GONE YET
HERE
I'LL GIVE A PICTURE TO YOU TOO
KICK
AND I PRINTED OUT
Both Ao-chin and Kai-kun aren't here.
THE TRIP PICTURES


You're not wrong
You're not wrong, Riku.
THANKS
4
I'll put one in Ao-chin's desk!
HUH?
I THINK THIS PHOTO IS FROM LAST SEMESTER
Ah, it really is.
I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY
ZAWA

If I see Kai-kun
I should go to school tomorrow
I wonder if I should say good morning
BARK
BARK
BARK
FINALLY, THE COLD IS OVER
YUUTA BROUGHT HIS FRIEND'S DOG WITH HIM
IS HE LONELY?
HE'S BARKING
HEY! IS SOMEONE THERE?!
DO YOU WIPE YOUR FEET WHEN YOU CAME IN?
YUUTA
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK

BARK
BARK
BARK
THUD
ZAAA
taken too much cold medicine?
Have I

If it's a ghost,
it might be better to not open the door
A dream...?
I can see Riku on my veranda
THAT SAVAGE DOG
WHEN I CAME AROUND THE GARDEN
Ah, the chain was cut
NO ONE CAME
WHEN I RANG THE BELL...
YUUTA
GOT HIM FROM A FRIEND WHO'S MOVING
IT'S A CORGI
Dirty
IT WAS THE DOG
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

RIKU?
RIKU
I TOLD YAMAMOTO I'D BRING IT
AH, AND A PHOTO
YOU'RE HALFWAY IN IT
I BROUGHT YOU THE TEST.
HERE
CAN YOU READ IT?
I want to see your face.
Look this way

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
YOU'RE SOAKED THROUGH...
WHERE'S YOUR UMBRELLA?
ARE YOU DUMB?
It's really Riku
No one but Riku
would do such a dumb thing

EH...?
EH?
RIKU
I CAME
TO TELL YOU SOMETHING
I'VE WANTED
TO TELL YOU IT ALL ALONG
THAT
YOU'RE ALWAYS IN HERE
IT HURTS

TELL
KAI I'M SORRY
FOR TELLING YOU
SO
I'LL END IT WITH YOU
TELL ME I'M A SCREW UP
FOR DUMPING YOU

That time, too
I...
LOVE YOU, AO.
I LOVE YOU

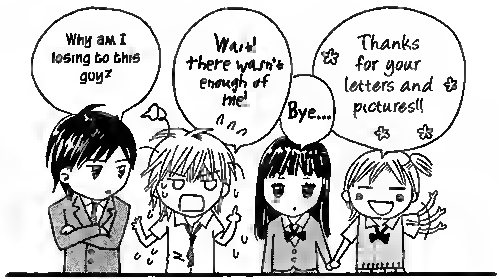
FU FU FU
I LOVE YOU
That time too
That time too
THAT S IT

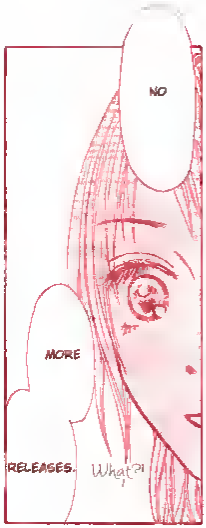
WHAT...
NOW?
IDIOT...
punch
YOU'RE A
SCREW UP
punch
YOU
SQUEEZE

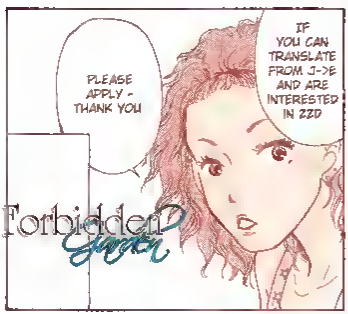
I'm also
YOU'RE LATE KIKU
an idiot.

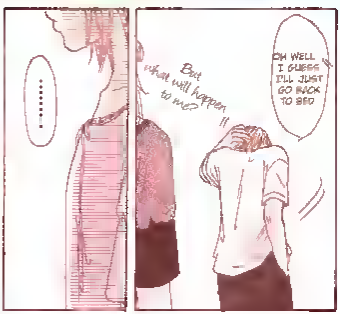
And yet
Everyone important
to me is hurting
I
WIPE
I LOVE YOU...
DON'T CRY
realize Riku is the only person I want kindness from

UNBELIEVABLE


Why am I losing to this guy?
Wait! there wasn't enough of me!
Bye...
Thanks for your letters and pictures!!







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Last Story

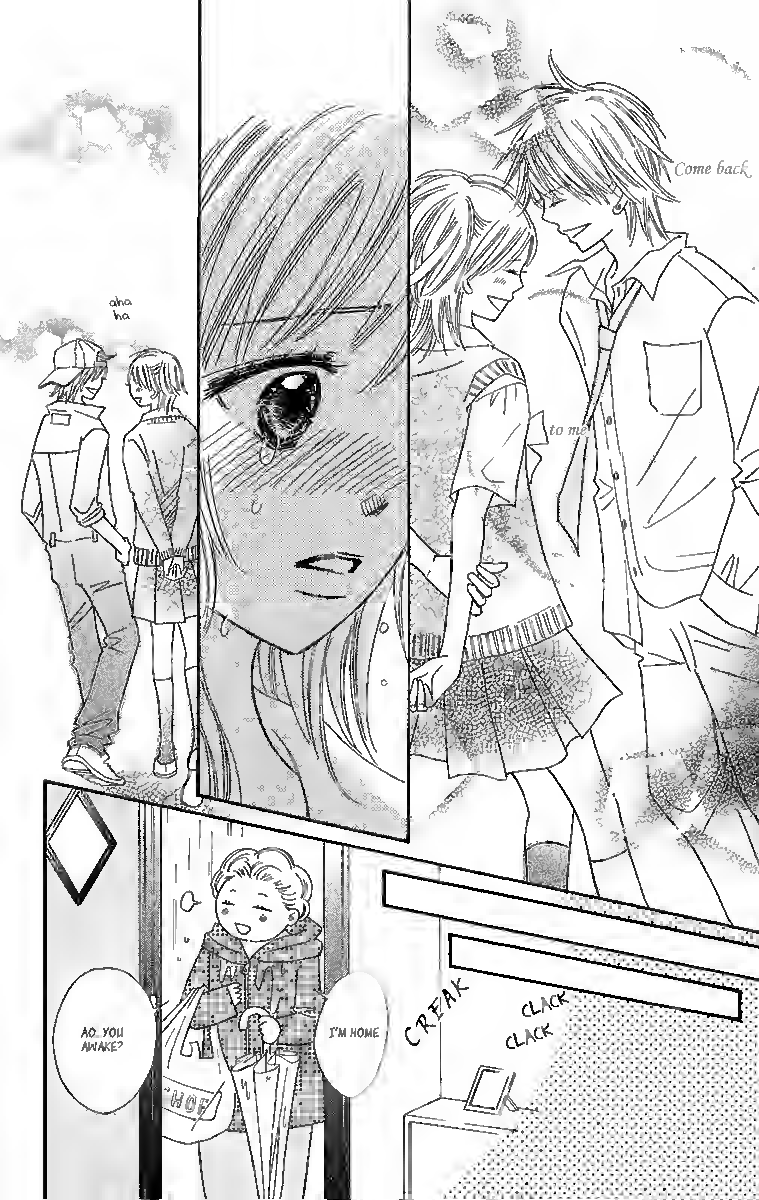
RIKU no TUBUYAKI

A muddy room
Drenched notes
WHY
ARE YOU SUCH A
TROUBLED BOY?
Soaked
and crying

BECAUSE
I BROKE UP WITH YOU
AND?
TURN
YOU
SAY YOU "LOVE ME"
IF YOU TURN ME AWAY IT'S FOR GOOD
THINK ABOUT IT
What?
He looks awful when he cries

You're noisy.
No matter what
YOU THREW ME AWAY LIKE A DOG
think it over
SNIFFLE
I HAVE A FEVER FROM A COLD
I know I won't
CAN I REST FOR A BIT?
My nose is running too
DON'T CAST ME ASIDE
No matter what this person is dear to me

COME BACK...
AO...
WHAT?
AO
AO
COME BACK...


Come back
to me
aha
ha
I'M HOME
AO, YOU
AWAKE?
CREAK
CLACK
CLACK

Ao
HOW ARE YOU FEELING?
CLICK
STEP
STEP
STEP
SINCE YOU'RE SICK...
I BOUGHT A MELON FOR YOU
GAZE
WHAT'S THIS?
AH
IT'S FILTHY
PEKO CAME IN EARLIER
Riku's tears
AH!
DON'T LET HIM IN THE HOUSE WITH WET FEET OKAY?!
Clean him off next time!

are still on
my shoulders.
KAI...
KAI
BRING AO-CHAN OVER AGAIN
I MADE A HOMEMADE CAKE
It's easy
I'LL TRY DOING IT WITH AO-CHAN.
CAK
CAK
EH?
NOT
SHE'S

Hello?
WRR
WRR
WRRRR
NOTHING
It's nothing
I'M OFF
WHAT DID
YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?

I...
CAME SO...
YOU COULD
BEAT THE HELL OUT OF ME
I
DID YOU
WANT TO ASK FOR THIS BACK?
NO WAY
WHY DO YOU...?

Ao.
SHE
GAVE ME THAT FOR MY BIRTHDAY LAST YEAR !
GIVE IT BACK
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR IT THE WHOLE TIME
GIVE IT BACK
NO

splash
IF IT'S SO IMPORTANT
HOW COULD YOU NOT NOTICE
YOU'D LOST IT TILL NOW?
I DON'T APPROVE OF
AO-CHAN BEING HAPPIER WITH YOU
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT IT
splash
SPLASH
splash

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT
HOWEVER, I'M LOST
WITHOUT AO, I'M LOST
IF YOU GIVE HER UP, I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU

HOWEVER
AO IS AT A LOSS
I'M SORRY
KAI

WHAT IS
MY FEELINGS
for Ao-chan are crumbling
Tell me
"I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU IF YOU GIVE HER UP"
WHAT YOU HAVE
I STILL DON'T GET IT
AO-CHAN IS KIND AND
CONFUSED...

"I still don't know what will happen."
It's been a while
since I rode the S line
alone
CHATTER
WOBBLE
THUMP
This

What would have happened
If I had turned left
is where I turned right on the entrance ceremony day
and met
He wouldn't
Then we
might have been completely different now
have asked me to be his fake girlfriend
MORNING
KUU-CHA
Ah
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
Morning

MORNING
I CUT IT
DOES IT LOOK BAD?
Her hair
I WORRIED ABOUT CUTTING IT
I WANTED TO BE STRONG
MY MOTHER SAYS GIRLS ARE BETTER WITH LONG HAIR
I WAS FORCED TO GROW IT OUT
IT LOOKS DUMB, DOESN'T IT?
Kuu-chan's hair

EH?
WAIT...
AO
UHHH
It was so pretty
UGH
AO
I completely didn't intend for this to happen
I can't go Riku
If I had known all this
happy
that day
I can't be the only one who's

If I hadn't met Riku
I wouldn't have turned right
SUMMER IS COMING
I JUST WANTED RELIEF FROM THE HEAT
YOU EXAGGERATE
...
BESIDES WHEN
YOU MET RIKU AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY
I NEVER EVEN LOOKED AT YOU

WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO TALKED TO ME IN CLASS
BUT YOU
Like that time.
Is this seat taken?
YOU EVEN SAT NEXT TO ME
WHEN I TALKED TO RIKU,
I TOLD HIM, "I MADE A FEMALE FRIEND."
THEN RIKU FOUND
YOU

RIKU HAS ALWAYS
LIKED YOU
We're
FOR ME
SO
YOU'D DO THE SAME

crying
Crying
Are we in love?
Call me
Ao
Seriously?
My favorite color!
My feelings say love.
This feeling makes me want to cry
Maybe it's this color

glad I put make-up on
MILK
Ap-chin came back today, too
Let's hang out again.
AHH!
Kou-kun!

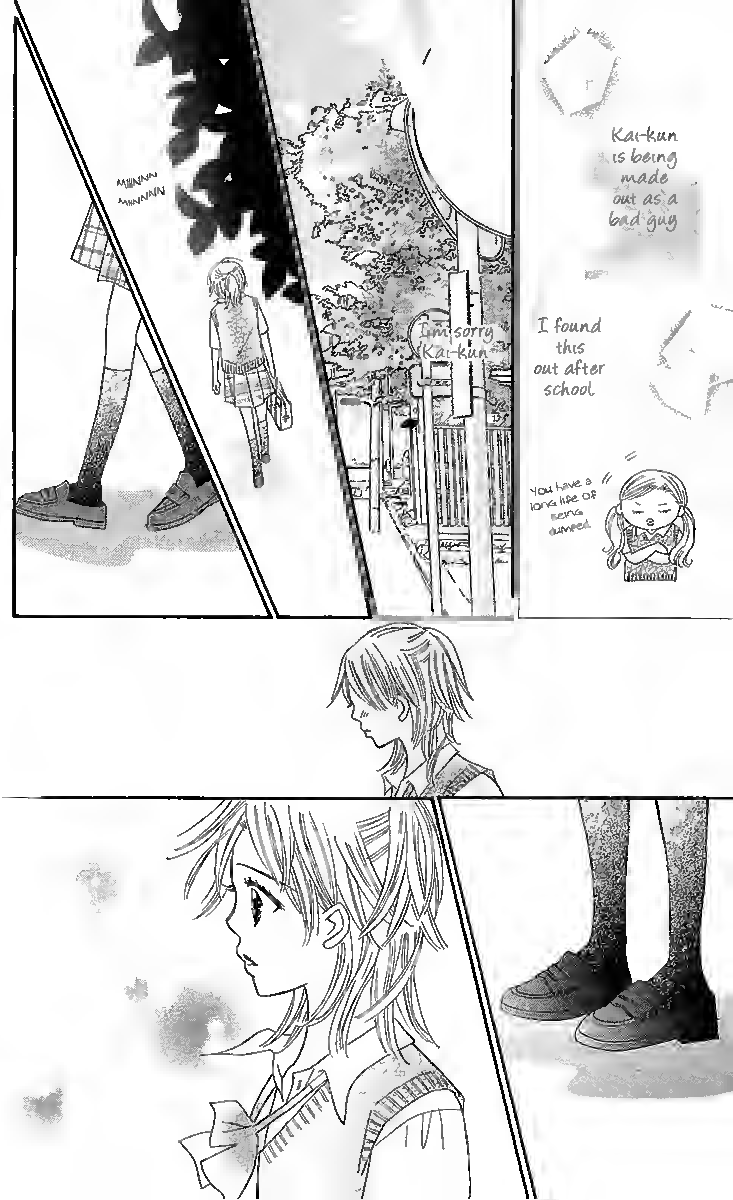
CAN'T GO
I

Huh?
WE JUST
BROKE UP

WH-
WHY..?!
EHHH?!
AO-CHAN
IS A REALLY TYPICAL GIRL
A TYPICAL GOOD GIRL
I MEAN
SHE LOOKS AFTER HER FRIENDS
AT TIMES
I LIKE GIRLS WHO ARE A LITTLE BAD...
Is that devilish ?
WELL
DON'T MESS IN THAT AREA TOO MUCH
I'EG YOU TAKO-CHAN
AH!
MY NAME !!
YOU GOT IT!

Bad people
shouldn't get happy endings even in a TV drama!
bufufu
CHUCKLE
under-stand
My dad says I'm embar-rassing.
You're a really, really
typical girl, Ao-chan
I don't get to be
with you

2-4
AO-CHIN
WANT SOME CHOCOLATE?
I wanted
to walk with you forever.
DO YOUR HAIR UP?
READ A MANGA?
Why is
everyone in class being nice to me?


Kai-kun is being made out as a bad guy
I found this out after school
I'm sorry Kai-kun
You have a long list of fans admired

AO...

WOULD YOU
BE MY REAL GIRLFRIEND?
WOULD YOU
KISS AND HAVE SEX WITH ME LIKE WITH A REAL GIRLFRIEND?

In exchange
for all the tears,
it's
my
one wish..

Kuu-chan, how are you?
Are you used to college yet?
AO.
WE HAVE CLASS ATTENDANCE NEXT
I, of course...
make mistakes constantly
My part time job at a bar is really rough I get a lot of muscle pain in my stubby legs...
I'm also living on my own
AT SUN DOWN
IT'LL SHOWER...
I'll see you in a week

I want to see everyone soon
I have lots I... want to talk about...
I want to see your smiling faces
No time to diet in a week. So.
FOP
CHUCK
Ah
MURMUR
For some reason,
I'm all nervous
MURMUR
BEEP
VROOM
DON-TANA
ITALIAN-CAFE

It's been half a year
Gone by
since we graduated
No one has changed much
Should I put make-up on?
Ah!
GINGER
AHAHA
WHAT
ARE YOU MAKING A FUNNY FACE FOR?
KAI-KUN!
HE CAME
I GOT HERE EARLIER IN CASE I WAS LATE
WAAH
WAAH
DID YOU GROW?
NO WAY!
AH
IS THAT KIYONO?
Huh?

"It was hard to find the restaurant"
"He was going to the same place, so he showed me"
AO
COME LOOK ON THE OUTSIDE
You're over acting
Oh!
She's with a boy, too?!
Who?!
Not wearing glasses
Kuu-chan was upset and told us that
But
I'm sorry
I'm an idiot
KYAHAHA
Huh?
I feel like crying since
I'm so happy

VRRRM
VRM
murmur
I EMAILED THE MAP TO HIM
DOES HE KNOW THE PLACE?
HE LATE?
ISN'T
CREAK
JINGLE
JINGLE
I MISSED THE STREET
NFB

You must have lots of group dates
Do you whisper that stuff
I DON'T
Kai!
How have you been?!
Med school, hun?!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED RIKU
JUST LIKE HIM
After that,
WHAT?
IMPOS-SIBLE
I promised to see Kuu-chan again
He took Kai-kun along with him
said he made the basketball club at college and wanted to play a game
Then Riku
we all ate together
Each of us had a story to tell

I laughed a lot
I'm glad
Kuu-chan
was as pretty as always.
I listened to the boy with the glasses story then
CLANG
CLANG
VRRROOM
CREAK

touch
KYK
KYUSYU
SPLASH
ZAAAH
steam
ZAAAH
nibble
I'M HOME
STUFFY LEGS

Check your email
DID YOU HAVE FUN AT BASKET-BALL ?
I SURE DID!
THE GAME IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
BY HIM-SELF HE'S LOT GOOD SENSES
Ahhhh
Just like a kid
fufu
I'm so happy
I close my eyes and

we're running
in our uniforms
Crying
Smiling
Ao
would you be my real girlfriend?

"Okay."
"I will."
I will, Riku.

If it's you,
I WON'T EAT YOUR ARMS TODAY
GO TO SLEEP
KISS
I wouldn't mind at all
IDIOT
I'm dating
and stray child
a lost
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Let's アクセス!
1話目ためし読み
150タイトル以上!
無料待ち受けもいっぱいあるよ♪

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最後まで、蒼たちを応援してくださった方々、本当にどうもありがとうございました!! 皆様のお手紙やネットの感想など、たいへんうれしく読んでました。海は、次はきっと幸せな恋をするでしょう…タコちゃんは、イイ男を探してさまよい続けることでしょう(笑)

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海も気づき、不安と嫉妬で、たそんな中、蒼は陸と渚乃が別れたと聞
3人の想いが絡み合う、恋の行方は？
MAX ラブストリー 堂々完結!!

Chorus! ラクーコミックス